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Claims 1-8 are in the case. Support for the amendment to Claim 5 is found at least at Page 7, lines 21-22 of the Specification.

The allowability of Claims 1-4 is noted with sincere appreciation.

Rejection under §112/§101

Claims 5-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter the Applicants regard as the invention, due to a lack of steps recited for the claimed use. Claims 5-8 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because claims to a use, without recitation of one or more steps, are improper under the statute.

Claim 5 as amended recites a process step. Claims 6-8 depend from Claim 5, and are now considered to also include a process step. Claims 6-8 were amended to recite "A process" because Claim 5 states "A process." These amendments are believed to render the §112 and §101 rejections moot.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

In light of the foregoing remarks, the case is believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notification to this effect would be sincerely appreciated.

If any matters remain that require further consideration, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number given below so that such matters may be discussed, and if possible, promptly resolved.

Please continue to address all correspondence in this Application to Albemarle Corporation at their address of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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